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Drafting Request: Land Ag Use Penalty

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Hi Becky:

Following up on the voicemail I left for you this afternoon, here is the background for the legislation we would like drafted regarding the Land Ag Use Penalty. Bill Ford from Leg Council did a memo and preliminary bill draft for us last summer (documents attached). We have had interested parties review the draft and there are two revisions/additions they would like to see added:

Section 5

Instead of requiring assessors to deliver information to the treasurers by April 15th, change to "require assessors to deliver to the county treasurer all information necessary to compute the conversion charge for converting agricultural land no later than 15 days after the Board of Review has adjourned"

Section 1 (line 16)

After the word "assessors.", insert "The requirement that the notice be in writing and sent by ordinary mail at least 15 days before the meeting of the Board of Review or the Board of Assessors may be waived if both the assessor and the taxpayer agree in writing to the assessment."





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Please let me know if you have questions or need further clarification. I will be in the office tomorrow (Tuesday, April 3rd) until Noon and then I'll be on vacation returning Wednesday, April 11th.

Thanks very much,

Natalie

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TO:

REPRESENTATIVE DONNA SEIDEL

FROM:

William Ford, Senior Staff Attorney

RE:

WLC: 003/1, Relating to Conversion of Agricultural Land

DATE:

July 17, 2006

Attached to this memorandum is WLC: 0003/1, a preliminary bill draft relating to the conversion of agricultural land. The draft is based upon suggestions made at a June 15, 2006 meeting you attended with the Wisconsin County Treasurers' Association. The draft is "preliminary" because it is intended as a discussion document, rather than a final product. Please review the provisions of the draft to ensure that it is consistent with your intent.

As the draft is discussed and any refinements are decided upon, please contact me at the Legislative Council offices for any further revisions to the draft.

The draft contains the following provisions:

- 1. It changes the name of the agricultural land conversion **penalty** to be the "**conversion charge**" for converting agricultural land.
- 2. It requires the notice of changed assessment, which under current law is required to be mailed to taxpayers when the assessed valuation of their property changes, to be accompanied with a notice that a conversion charge may be due in situations where an assessor determines that land previously assessed as agricultural land is no longer eligible to be assessed as such [Section 1 of the draft].
- 3. It requires property tax assessors, by April 15th of each year, to deliver to the county treasurer all information necessary to compute the conversion charge for converting agricultural land [Section 5 of the draft].

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at the Legislative Council staff offices.

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| 1 | AN ACT to amend 70.365, 74.485 (title), 74.485 (2) (intro.), 74.485 (4) (a), (b), (5) |
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| 2 | and (6) and 74.485 (7) (b), (8) and (9) of the statutes; relating to: conversion of |
| 3 | agricultural land. |

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 70.365 of the statutes is amended to read:

70.365 Notice of changed assessment. When the assessor assesses any taxable real property, or any improvements taxed as personal property under s. 77.84 (1), and arrives at a different total than the assessment of it for the previous year, the assessor shall notify the person assessed if the address of the person is known to the assessor, otherwise the occupant of the property. If the assessor determines that land assessed under s, 70.32 (2r) in the nextprevious assessment is no longer eligible to be assessed under s. 70.32 (2r), notice shall be given that a conversion charge under s. 74.485 may be due. The notice shall be in writing and shall be sent by ordinary mail at least 15 days before the meeting of the board of review or before the meeting of the board of assessors in 1st class cities and in 2nd class cities that have a board of assessors under s. 70.075 and shall contain the amount of the changed assessment and the time, date and place of the meeting of the local board of review or of the board of assessors. However, if the assessment roll is not complete, the notice shall be sent by ordinary mail at least 15 days prior to the date to which the board of review has adjourned. The assessor shall attach to the assessment roll a statement that the notices required by this section have been mailed and failure to receive the notice shall not affect the validity of the changed assessment, the resulting changed tax, the procedures of the board of review or of the board

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| 1 | of assessors or the enforcement of delinquent taxes by statutory means. The secretary of |
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| 2 | revenue shall by rule prescribe the form of the notice required under this section. The form |
| 3 | shall include information notifying the taxpayer of the procedures to be used to object to the |
| 4 | assessment. |
| 5 | SECTION 2. 74.485 (title) of the statutes is amended to read: |
| 6 | 74.485 (title) Penalty for converting agricultural land Conversion charge for |
| 7 | converting agricultural land. |
| 8 | SECTION 3. 74.485 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read: |
| 9 | 74.485 (2) PENALTY CONVERSION CHARGE. (intro.) Except as provided in sub. (4), a |
| 10 | person who owns land that has been assessed as agricultural land under s. 70.32 (2r) and who |
| 11 | converts the land's use so that the land is not eligible to be assessed as agricultural land under |
| 12 | s. 70.32 (2r), as determined by the assessor of the taxation district in which the land is located, |
| 13 | shall pay a penalty conversion charge to the county in which the land is located in an amount, |
| 14 | calculated by the county treasurer, that is equal to the number of acres converted multiplied |
| 15 | by the amount of the difference between the average fair market value of an acre of agricultural |
| 16 | land sold in the county in the year before the year that the person converts the land, as |
| 17 | determined under sub. (3), and the average equalized value of an acre of agricultural land in |
| 18 | the county in the year before the year that the person converts the land, as determined under |
| 19 | sub. (3), multiplied by the following: |
| 20 | SECTION 4. 74.485 (4) (a), (b), (5) and (6) of the statutes are amended to read: |
| 21 | 74.485 (4) (a) A person who owns land that has been assessed as agricultural land under |
| 22 | s. 70.32 (2r) and who converts the land's use so that the land is not eligible to be assessed as |
| 23 | agricultural land under s. 70.32 (2r) is not subject to a penalty conversion charge under sub. |

(2) if the converted land may be assessed as undeveloped under s. 70.32 (2) (a) 5., as

agricultural forest under s. 70.32 (2) (a) 5m., as productive forest land under s. 70.32 (2) (a) 6., or as other under s. 70.32 (2) (a) 7. or if the amount of the penalty conversion charge determined under sub. (2) represents less than \$25 for each acre of converted land.

- (b) If a person owes a penalty conversion charge under sub. (2), the treasurer of the county in which the person's land is located may defer payment of the penalty conversion charge to the succeeding taxable year if the person demonstrates to the assessor of the taxation district in which the land is located that the person's land will be used as agricultural land in the succeeding taxable year. A person who receives a deferral under this paragraph is not subject to the penalty conversion charge under sub. (2) related to the deferral, if the person's land is used as agricultural land in the succeeding taxable year. If the land of a person who receives a deferral under this paragraph is not used as agricultural land in the succeeding taxable year, the person shall pay the penalty conversion charge with interest at the rate of 1% a month, or fraction of a month, from the date that the treasurer granted a deferral to the date that the penalty is paid.
- charge under sub. (2) shall pay the penalty conversion charge to the county in which the person's land related to the penalty conversion charge is located no later than 30 days after the date that the penalty conversion charge is assessed. A penalty conversion charge that is not paid on the date it is due is considered delinquent and shall be paid with interest at the rate of 1% a month, or fraction of a month, from the date that the penalty conversion charge is assessed to the date that the penalty conversion charge is paid. The county shall collect an unpaid penalty conversion charge as a special charge against the land related to the penalty conversion charge.

| (6) DISTRIBUTION. A county that collects a penalty conversion charge under this section |
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| shall distribute 50% of the amount of the penalty conversion charge to the taxation district in |
| which the land related to the penalty conversion charge is located. If the land related to the |
| penalty conversion charge is located in 2 or more taxation districts, the county shall distribute |
| 50% of the amount of the penalty conversion charge to the taxation districts in proportion to |
| the equalized value of the land related to the penalty conversion charge that is located in each |
| taxation district. A taxation district shall distribute 50% of any amount it receives under this |
| subsection to an adjoining taxation district, if the taxation district in which the land related to |
| the penalty conversion charge is located annexed the land related to the penalty conversion |
| charge from the adjoining taxation district in either of the 2 years preceding a distribution |
| under this subsection. |

- SECTION 5. 74.485 (7) (b), (8) and (9) of the statutes are amended to read:
- 74.485 (7) (b) Whether the person who owns the land and who is selling the land has been assessed a penalty conversion charge under sub. (2) related to the land.
- (8) TAXATION DISTRICT ASSESSOR. The assessors of the taxation districts located in the county shall inform the county treasurer and the real property lister of all sales of agricultural land located in the county. By April 15 of each year, the assessors of the taxation districts located in the county shall deliver to the county treasurer all information necessary to complete the conversion charge under this section.
- (9) ADMINISTRATION. The county in which the land as described in sub. (1) is located shall administer the penalty conversion charge under this section.



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AN ACT ...; relating to: the penalty for converting agricultural land.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who owns land that has been assessed, for property tax purposes, as agricultural land and who converts the land's use so that the land may not be assessed as agricultural land must pay a penalty to the county in which the land is located. This bill changes the term "penalty" to "conversion charge," as it relates to the amount a taxpayer pays for converting agricultural land. Under the bill, if the taxation district assessor determines that land assessed as agricultural land for the previous year is no longer eligible to be assessed as agricultural land, the assessor must notify the property owner, in writing, that the property owner may be subject to a conversion charge.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. 70.365 of the statutes is amended to read:
- 3 **70.365 Notice of changed assessment.** When the assessor assesses any
- 4 taxable real property, or any improvements taxed as personal property under s. 77.84
- 5 (1), and arrives at a different total than the assessment of it for the previous year,

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the assessor shall notify the person assessed if the address of the person is known to the assessor, otherwise the occupant of the property. The If the assessor determines that land assessed under s. 70.32 (2r) for the previous year is no longer eligible to be assessed under s. 70.32 (2r), the assessor shall notify the person assessed if the assessor knows the person's address, or otherwise the occupant of the property, that the person assessed may be subject to a conversion charge under s. 74.485. Any notice issued under this section shall be in writing and shall be sent by ordinary mail at least 15 days before the meeting of the board of review or before the meeting of the board of assessors in 1st class cities and in 2nd class cities that have a board of assessors under s. 70.075 and shall contain the amount of the changed assessment and the time, date, and place of the meeting of the local board of review or of the board of assessors. However, if the assessment roll is not complete, the notice shall be sent by ordinary mail at least 15 days prior to the date to which the board of review has adjourned. The assessor is not required to send a notice under this section if the assessor and the taxpayer agree in writing to the assessment. The assessor shall attach to the assessment roll a statement that the notices required by this section have been mailed and failure to receive the notice shall not affect the validity of the changed assessment, the resulting changed tax, the procedures of the board of review or of the board of assessors or the enforcement of delinquent taxes by statutory means. The secretary of revenue shall by rule prescribe the form of the notice required under this section. The form shall include information notifying the taxpayer of the procedures to be used to object to the assessment.

History: 1977 c. 418; 1981 c. 20; 1983 a. 490; 1991 a. 248; 1997 (237).

SECTION 2. 74.485 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

74.485 (title) Penalty Charge for converting agricultural land.

2 History: 2001 a. 109; 2003 a. 33. SECTION 3. 74.485 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

74.485 (2) Penalty Conversion Charge. (intro.) Except as provided in sub. (4), a person who owns land that has been assessed as agricultural land under s. 70.32 (2r) and who converts the land's use so that the land is not eligible to be assessed as agricultural land under s. 70.32 (2r), as determined by the assessor of the taxation district in which the land is located, shall pay a penalty conversion charge to the county in which the land is located in an amount, calculated by the county treasurer, that is equal to the number of acres converted multiplied by the amount of the difference between the average fair market value of an acre of agricultural land sold in the county in the year before the year that the person converts the land, as determined under sub. (3), and the average equalized value of an acre of agricultural land in the county in the year before the year that the person converts the land, as determined under sub. (3), multiplied by the following:

History: 2001 a. 109; 2003 a. 33. **SECTION 4.** 74.485 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

74.485 (4) (a) A person who owns land that has been assessed as agricultural land under s. 70.32 (2r) and who converts the land's use so that the land is not eligible to be assessed as agricultural land under s. 70.32 (2r) is not subject to a penalty conversion charge under sub. (2) if the converted land may be assessed as undeveloped under s. 70.32 (2) (a) 5., as agricultural forest under s. 70.32 (2) (a) 5m., as productive forest land under s. 70.32 (2) (a) 6., or as other under s. 70.32 (2) (a) 7. or if the amount of the penalty conversion charge determined under sub. (2) represents less than \$25 for each acre of converted land.

SECTION 5. 74.485 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

74.485 (4) (b) If a person owes a penalty conversion charge under sub. (2), the treasurer of the county in which the person's land is located may defer payment of the penalty conversion charge to the succeeding taxable year if the person demonstrates to the assessor of the taxation district in which the land is located that the person's land will be used as agricultural land in the succeeding taxable year. A person who receives a deferral under this paragraph is not subject to the penalty conversion charge under sub. (2) related to the deferral, if the person's land is used as agricultural land in the succeeding taxable year. If the land of a person who receives a deferral under this paragraph is not used as agricultural land in the succeeding taxable year, the person shall pay the penalty conversion charge with interest at the rate of 1% a month, or fraction of a month, from the date that the treasurer granted a deferral to the date that the penalty conversion charge is paid.

History: 2001 a. 109; 2003 a. 33. SECTION 6. 74.485 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

74.485 (5) PAYMENT. Except as provided in sub. (4), a person who owes a penalty conversion charge under sub. (2) shall pay the penalty conversion charge to the county in which the person's land related to the penalty conversion charge is located no later than 30 days after the date that the penalty conversion charge is assessed. A penalty conversion charge that is not paid on the date it is due is considered delinquent and shall be paid with interest at the rate of 1% a month, or fraction of a month, from the date that the penalty conversion charge is assessed to the date that the penalty conversion charge is paid. The county shall collect an unpaid penalty conversion charge against the land related to the penalty conversion charge.

History: 2001 a. 109; 2003 a. 33. **SECTION 7.** 74.485 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

under this section shall distribute 50% of the amount of the penalty conversion charge to the taxation district in which the land related to the penalty conversion charge is located. If the land related to the penalty conversion charge is located in 2 or more taxation districts, the county shall distribute 50% of the amount of the penalty conversion charge to the taxation districts in proportion to the equalized value of the land related to the penalty conversion charge that is located in each taxation district. A taxation district shall distribute 50% of any amount it receives under this subsection to an adjoining taxation district, if the taxation district in which the land related to the penalty conversion charge is located annexed the land related to the penalty conversion charge is located annexed the land related to the penalty conversion charge from the adjoining taxation district in either of the 2 years preceding a distribution under this subsection.

History: 2001 a. 109; 2003 a. 33. SECTION 8. 74.485 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

74.485 (7) (b) Whether the person who owns the land and who is selling the land has been assessed a penalty conversion charge under sub. (2) related to the land.

History: 2001 a 109; 2003 a 33. **SECTION 9.** 74.485 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

74.485 (8) Taxation district assessor. The assessors of the taxation districts located in the county shall inform the county treasurer and the real property lister of all sales of agricultural land located in the county. No later than 15 days after the board of review has adjourned, the assessors shall also deliver to the county treasurer all information necessary to compute the conversion charges assessed under this section.

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| $1 	 74.485$ (9) Administration. The α | ounty in which the land as described in sub |
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- 2 (1) is located shall administer the penalty conversion charge under this section.
 - History: 2001 a. 109; 2003 a. 33.

 SECTION 11. Initial applicability.
- 4 (1) This act first applies to the property tax assessments as of January 1, 2008.

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Representative Seidel:

Please review this draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent.

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Section 3. 74.485 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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SECTION 4. 74.485 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

74.485 (4) (a) A person who owns land that has been assessed as agricultural land under s. 70.32 (2r) and who converts the land's use so that the land is not eligible to be assessed as agricultural land under s. 70.32 (2r) is not subject to a penalty conversion charge under sub. (2) if the converted land may be assessed as undeveloped under s. 70.32 (2) (a) 5., as agricultural forest under s. 70.32 (2) (a) 5m., as productive forest land under s. 70.32 (2) (a) 6., or as other under s. 70.32 (2) (a) 7. or if the amount of the penalty conversion charge determined under sub. (2) represents less than \$25 for each acre of converted land.

SECTION 5. 74.485 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

74.485 (4) (b) If a person owes a penalty conversion charge under sub. (2), the treasurer of the county in which the person's land is located may defer payment of the penalty conversion charge to the succeeding taxable year if the person demonstrates to the assessor of the taxation district in which the land is located that the person's land will be used as agricultural land in the succeeding taxable year. A person who receives a deferral under this paragraph is not subject to the penalty conversion charge under sub. (2) related to the deferral, if the person's land is used as agricultural land in the succeeding taxable year. If the land of a person who receives a deferral under this paragraph is not used as agricultural land in the succeeding taxable year, the person shall pay the penalty conversion charge with interest at the rate of 1% a month, or fraction of a month, from the date that the treasurer granted a deferral to the date that the penalty conversion charge is paid.

SECTION 6. 74.485 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

74.485 (5) Payment. Except as provided in sub. (4), a person who owes a penalty conversion charge under sub. (2) shall pay the penalty conversion charge to the county in which the person's land related to the penalty conversion charge is located no later than 30 days after the date that the penalty conversion charge is assessed. A penalty conversion charge that is not paid on the date it is due is considered delinquent and shall be paid with interest at the rate of 1% a month, or fraction of a month, from the date that the penalty conversion charge is assessed to the date that the penalty conversion charge is paid. The county shall collect an unpaid penalty conversion charge as a special charge against the land related to the penalty conversion charge.

SECTION 7. 74.485 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

value of the land related to the penalty conversion charge to the land related to the penalty conversion charge to the taxation districts, the county shall distribute 50% of the amount of the penalty conversion charge is located in 2 or more taxation districts, the county shall distribute 50% of the amount of the penalty conversion charge to the taxation districts in proportion to the equalized value of the land related to the penalty conversion charge that is located in each taxation district. A taxation district shall distribute 50% of any amount it receives under this subsection to an adjoining taxation district, if the taxation district in which the land related to the penalty conversion charge is located annexed the land related to the penalty conversion charge from the adjoining taxation district in either of the 2 years preceding a distribution under this subsection.

SECTION 8. 74.485 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

74.485 (7) (b) Whether the person who owns the land and who is selling the land has been assessed a penalty conversion charge under sub. (2) related to the land.

SECTION 9. 74.485 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

74.485 (8) Taxation districts located in the county shall inform the county treasurer and the real property lister of all sales of agricultural land located in the county. No later than 15 days after the board of review has adjourned, the assessors shall also deliver to the county treasurer all information necessary to compute the conversion charges assessed under this section.

SECTION 10. 74.485 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

74.485 (9) ADMINISTRATION. The county in which the land as described in sub.

(1) is located shall administer the penalty conversion charge under this section.

- 1 Section 11. Initial applicability.
- 2 (1) This act first applies to the property tax assessments as of January 1, 2008.
- 3 (END)